



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5208

January Session, 2001

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF
SUBSTANTIATION HEARINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
REGISTRY OF REPORTS RELATIVE TO CHILD ABUSE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17a-101k of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall maintain a
4 registry of the reports received pursuant to sections 17a-101a to 17a-
5 101d, inclusive, and 17a-103 [.] and may conduct hearings for the
6 purpose of substantiating information contained in the reports as to
7 whether the person alleged to have committed abuse or neglect of a
8 child is responsible for such abuse or neglect. The commissioner shall
9 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the
10 provisions of this section. Such regulations shall permit the use of the
11 registry on a twenty-four-hour daily basis to prevent or discover abuse
12 of children and govern the conduct of such hearings. The information
13 contained in the reports and any other information relative to child
14 abuse, wherever located, shall be confidential subject to such statutes
15 and regulations governing their use and access as shall conform to the
16 requirements of federal law or regulations. Any violation of this
17 section or the regulations adopted by the commissioner under this
18 section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand
19 dollars or imprisonment for not more than one year.

20 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

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Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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